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GIG UPDATE

The first gig since the last Warzine was Concrete Sox and Doom on Nov 26th and 27th. There was about 350 people there at Belfast, which is a record. £600 was lifted, and after expenses (hire of hall, pa etc) were paid, £435 went to the bands. The stall raised £14 for Warzine printing.

Bolt Thrower and Carcass played the week later on 3rd and 4th Dec. From both gigs (Dublin and Belfast) the bands received £400, and all the organising expenses were paid as well. The stall, which was a benefit for the Chelsea Girl strikers, raised £50 which is excellent.

Instigators played on 17th and 18th Dec. £480 was lifted at the door, and after everything was paid for, the band got £274. The stall, which was a benefit for the newly formed Squatters' Support Group raised £26.

FORTHCOMING GIGS...

Although no dates are confirmed as yet, bands likely to be playing in the first half of the year are... Indian Dream (March possibly); Life Cycle and Defcon (March); Generic, Next World and Yan Tree (1st* and 2nd April); and Chaotic Subversion and possibly I.D. Parade (also poss. April), Neuroot (May)

Confirmed dates... *confirmed

Sat. Jan. 28th. Art College.
H.D.Q. (+ others)
£2 in. 2pm start.
Sun. Jan. 29th McGonagles,
Dublin. 4pm start.
H.D.Q. again.
Sat. Feb. 11th. Art college.
Benefit gig for van fund. Bands not yet confirmed.
£1.50 in. 2pm start.

OTHER GIG SHIT..

Please remember that all gigs in Belfast are NO ALCOHOL. I have noticed that people have been sneaking drink in, and drinking it upstairs. The supervisors at the Art college have also noticed, and if they see it again WE WILL LOOSE THE HALL. Unless you are prepared to go to the trouble to find a really good hall which allows alcohol when we loose the Art college, please don't bring any drink with you. Please respect this.

Another point is about bands wishing to play at the gigs in the Art college. Because there is just so many bands now all wishing to play, it really need to be decided and confirmed at least a few days before the gig is happening about who exactly is playing, it's not really enough to turn up and hope for the best, as people are having to be disappointed when there's no time. If you do want to play, then please write to us, or sort it out with someone who is involved with it all at Giro's cafe.

CRE'BILLY' REPORT

On Jan 2nd, we went up to Ballymena with the so called Animal Rights Movement. When we arrived in their coach, the pigs told us to get out and walk to where the Hare Coursing was taking place. We walked with the Animal rights group, we were about 200 yards from where their van was sitting. They stood and shouted things into loud speakers which did absolutely nothing.

We were informed after going into a nearby field, to look over the fence to get a better view of what was going on. We were immediately removed from the field by the police. When the coursing started 6 of us were told as we went into the field (and we were not members of the A.R.M.) we had to stay behind a barrier quite a distance from the coursing. The police stood on one side of the barrier while we stood on the other.

One of the A.R.M. members apologised over loud speakers for the hooligans being present, namely us. So we were not allowed to do anything. There were two police vans, and a DMSO van. All together there were about 40 police "keeping us in order".

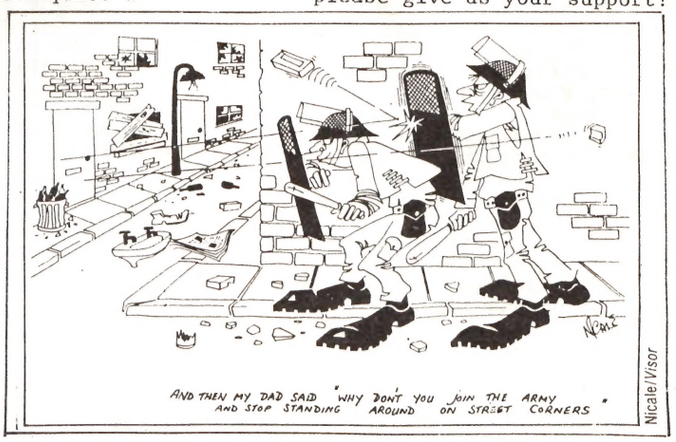
Obviously this angered us, when a chance came through one of us ran through the barrier, got within a few feet, and the pigs came in a forcably removed her.

We asked on numerous occasions to be let in to protest. But an A.R.M. member said he wasn't, and neither was anyone else, prepared to speak for us. They told us they decided what way the protest was to be done. THen they pissed about through the mics, while we sat, doing fuck all, in the rain.

As far a I, and the rest of the 6 of us are concerned, we went because murder of innocent creatures was taking place, yet our fellow people who happen to belong to some fucked up movement, spend all their time at meetings swapping titles of treasurer, secretary etc., which is why we were left on the other side of the fence.

What we need is more people, 6 of us is nowhere fucking near enough; more people to make the effort to get out of bed in the morning and come to the Hunt Sabs. If all you people really care - not eating meat is only the fucking start - so please give us your support!

THE CHELSEA GIRL STRIKE IS STILL ON. AND WE HAVE HEARD FROM SPECIAL GROUPS AROUND ENGLAND/SCOTLAND WISHING TO PICKET THEIR LOCAL SHOP. BEST OF LUCK TO ALL CONCERNED. KEEP BOYCOTTING THE SHOPS AS WELL!



EQUALITY BEGINS IN THE MIND!

Because we are all totally free thinking and ideologically sound @'s (right??!!) we (male and female) are usually angered when men leer at women, or discuss them (or parts of their anatomy) in a derogatory and sexist way. We have realised the wrong in these words/ actions because we have spent time questioning this "norm", and discovering that women ARE equal with men, not just objects to be used and abused.

Many women have spent their lives struggling to be regarded and treated as an individual, regardless of the fact that they are female. (I know there are loads of anti-sexist men too, and I'm not trying to take away from that, but this particular article is about women).

But does this fight for equality, and their/ our involvement in it, mean that women have the right to be self-righteous and sexist themselves? No, this isn't going to be an article slagging off feminists who are more sexist than the men they are fighting against, I am referring to a particular thing which I notice occasionally amongst "anti-sexist women" - the tendency to discuss men in the same degrading way we all hate men to talk about women. Women who do this must feel they have the right to talk about a man like he is an object because they realise they are equal and can do just what a man does. Of course, that's right in itself - but is that all that equality is ? What about respect ?

Men, like women, I feel should not be talked about like this, no matter how liberated the person doing the talking, no matter if it's serious or in jest, as they are reducing that person to a physical, sexual level, which is basically the most unimportant part of a person's make-up.

People talk about someone in a way that they define as being sexually attractive, definitions which (although people would not admit this) are introduced to us through the media, at school, work, on billboards, everywhere. Before anyone gets me wrong, physical attraction between two people is perfectly natural, but there's a difference between that and a group of people drooling over members of the opposite sex and deciding which ones are sexy and which ones aren't !

In fact, in one way, it could even be seen as worse for women to talk like this, as so many men have made a conscious effort to counteract their sexist upbringing and background.

To come to a conclusion now, we cannot just accept the fact that we hold anarchist/ feminist/ libertarian beliefs, everyday we must continue to question what we do and why we do it, society is still there around us, and consciously or unconsciously it is affecting us. We must be aware of how we are treating each other, how we are treating ereryone around us. Equally has to be worked at, it isn't just THERE, it isn't just doing a fanzine or writing articles, living in a squat or a bender, working in a centre, it's living and acting on your beliefs.

ECOMEDIA REPORT

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FASCISM IN BELGIUM

In the last few years, there has been an increasing amount of links between international Fascist organisations. So, I would like to go into more detail about fascism in Belgium, specifically because there has been 2 international fascist conferences organised by Belgian groups in '84, and '87. Because there is so much information to give, I will divide it into 2 sections to be printed in two parts. This time, I will talk about the historical development of Belgian fascism, which goes until the mid '70s with the rise of the Flemish Militant Order. The next time, I will discuss how the movement has developed until the present day.

Like most fascist organisations, Belgian fascism has its roots in the 2nd World War. The best known organisation was the REX, led by Leon Legrelle, who founded his own political party during the war, based on National Socialism and a collaboration with the Germans. After the Germans lost the war, many of the Rex leaders went into hiding to save being captured and executed. Rex was forbidden, and most of their members ended up in jail. Some leaders, like Legrelle, got capital punishmnet at their trials, but were in hiding at the time. After the war, little if nothing was heard about the Nazis, most were too afraid to surface after the war trials.

As you might know, Belgium is divided by lingual borders. The southern part (3 million people) speak French, and nearly all the rest (7 million) speak Dutch (Flemish). The main problem was that in education, and in public services etc, the language used was French, this was a particular problem in universities. This caused the reformation of many Flemish nationalist inspired groups who wanted the Dutch langauge to be officially used in Flemish parts of Belgium. Most of these groups originated in the 20th century - when the same problems arised. But this time, unlike the last, the groups contained some members with VERY strong nationalist feelings, including old members of Rex. This caused the uprise of the first right wing party in Belgium - Volksunie (the people's union), whose main political aim ws to divide Belgium into 2 - the Dutch and the French parts. The reason for this, as well as the language difference, was because of the economic difference between the two parts - the French part is mainly based on metal, and mining industries and the Flemish part is more industrialised and developed, with a better standard of living, less unemployment etc. This also lead to the re-inovation of previously banned groups like Vnj (Flemish Nationalist youth Union - similar to the Hilter Youth), and Knhv (Catholic Flemish high School Students' Union), but this time with people who used to be National Socialists in the 2nd world_war.

In the late '60s, the Volksunea split, causing the founding of the Were Di, a right wing group of intellectuals, who combined Flemish Nationalism with National socialism in an extreme form. They went undercover, and formed a link between all the right wing groups in Belgium. They were also responsible for the re-involvement of ex-Rex leader Legrelle, who was found living in Spain, untouchable for the Belgian govt.. The language problem gets worse right until the '70s, and in the mid '70s, what was happening was, several small towns and villages under the French language jurisdiction, were infact mainly Flemish speaking, and vice versa with mainly French speaking villages, which caused problems in schools, and in any form of social services etc.

This was the basis for today's fascism in Belgium, but it is linked with the backgound of a very bad situation in the late '70s/ early '80s, which created a completely new form of extreme fascism, causing he search for a new victim - immigrants. Fascism until now was more aligned with the political movement, and in fact, today's fascism can be seen as being more dangerous. More on that next time.

HUNT SAB UPDATE

After the summer holidays and everyone's return from exotic places, and the marching season, and bonfire nights are over for another year, the next great excitment is the hunt sabbing season! Or, as one wit commented, the hunt slabbering season, as most of it seems to consist of good natured and not so good natured banter between the midguided huntsmen/ women and our own enlightened selves.

Last year was the first year that many of us tried to sab hunts, so this season we started off with an air of confidence and self assurance. We had acquired maps and our own hunting horns and some of us could even blow the things, we had bought C.B.s, and most importantly, a van.

Our first "assignment" was the Iveagh harriers who gathered at Redhill (outside Dromore, for those of you not so good with geography), and despite one rather awful moment when most of the sabs were blocked in by many hunt supporters and thought that a fight was brewing, everything passed well and the hunt was successfully halted with no kill.

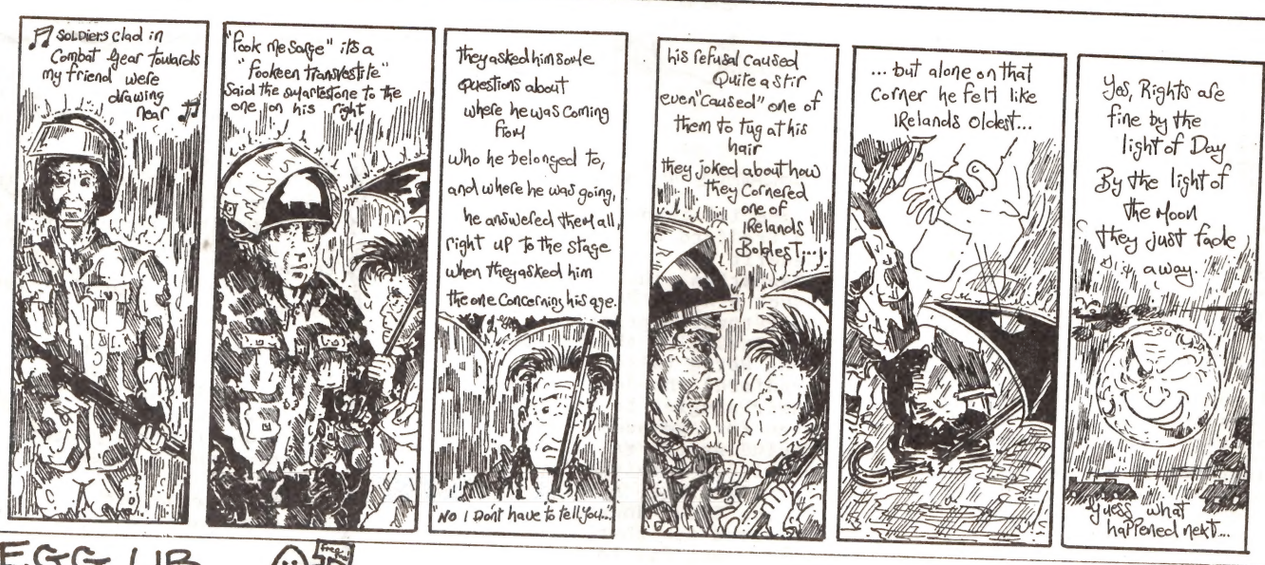
For the next few weeks the hunt eluded us. We roamed the countryside aimlessly but there was no sign of them anywhere. We hope they weren't out, we don't think they were as the weather was very damp and misty and not good for hunting.

The next hunt we sabbed was our old friends, the North Down. They were gathering at Yate's corner (which is outside Carryduff). As soon as they saw us they phoned all their chums at the local police station, the police arrived and offered us a long weekend at Castlereagh Holding Centre under the charge of "behaviour likely..." (it would appear to me, with a much less understanding of the law than the boys in bottle green and bullet proof jackets, that a hunt would be more ready to fit this description than our good selves).Anyway, we thought a bit about their invitation to Castlereagh, and all things considered, we decided to decline their kind invitation. We went home.

Next was the north Down hunt again, who were trying to hunt outside Newtownards. As it was boxing day there were many more supporters than usual. Also there seemed to be more children riding with the hunt which is really sad. Once again, nothing was killed.

Again we persued North Down hunt, this time outside Holywood. This appeared to be a hunt specifically for children (you know what I mean...) which is sick, teaching them to not care or have respect for other living beings. We weren't able to sab this as effectively and there may have been a possibe kill. The North Down huntsmen appear to have changed their tactics a bit which makes it more difficult for us to sab. Anyway, we shall continue as best we can.

Before I went sabbing, I had this idea that to be a sab you had to be half way between an olympic style athlete and a boy scout, ultra fit and able to read a compass. If you fit this decription, brilliant for you, if you don't but still want to come on a sab, just come along. We meet in Giro's cafe (Donegall Street Place) on a Saturday morning at 9.30am. We have a van (well, an excuse for one) but it can only carry 12 passengers. We do from time to time hire an ordinary transit but no-one is insured to be carried in the back so the police can send us home or prosecute us and we can't continue with the sab, so if you have access to transport it would be a great help, but if not, never worry, come along anyway (bring a lunch and waterproof boots), we'll sort something out. If you are unable to come on a sab but can help in anyway (information, money, ideas, good wishes), it would be very much appreciated.



EGG LIB

In the light of the salmonella scare in eggs, I ask myself "Why all the panic ?". It's about time the great British attitude of 'Go to work on an egg' was stopped because behind this tradition lies cruelty and slaughter.

The government are telling us not to worry, not to be concerned, to hard boil our eggs etc., but I say we SHOULD be concerned and give up eggs altogether.

It's all too easy when we're worried about our own health to dismiss the health and lives of others, especially animals. I've heard many people adopt the 'I'm alright Jack' attitude by saying "Oh, salmonella will never reach N.I.". Well, whether it does or not doesn't stop the fact that billions of chickens have been and our being kept in cramped conditions, debeaked, and finally slaughtered for our traditional boiled egg in the morning. For too long we've been conditioned that animal foodstuffs - meat, eggs, dairy products etc. are the stable Western diet, we eat it ourselves and give it to our children: nothing could be further from the truth. Animal by-products are unhealthy, expensive and cause a lot of unneccessary deaths.

So it's time we stopped worrying about whether we can eat an omelette or egg mayonnaise and give up these symbols of cruelty, and adopt a vegan lifetyle!

SQUAT UPDATE

If you've been reading Warzine regularly over the last few months, then you should know about the squats in the Holyland area of Belfast. Although squatting is supposed to be illegal in N.I., we've been housing ourselves for nearly a year now, sometimes successfully, sometimes unsuccessfully. At present there are two houses being squatted, providing homes for approx. 20 people. One of the houses has been occupied for just over 3 months, and the other just over a month. Both houses are in a bad state which is probably why the owners are taking their time getting us evicted.

January has proved to be a bad month for evictions. Up until a week ago there were 3 squats. The 3rd house had been squatted and evicted before, but it was reoccupied just before Christmas. When the police discovered that people had moved in again, they came round at 6am to evict them. They used the excuse of arresting all the occupants for burglary to get them out of the house, but once they had them in the station they dropped all charges and released them later that day. The next night a few of the people who'd been evicted opened a new house, but it only lasted a few hours. They were discovered by the landlord who immediately phoned the police. Again, the police used the excuse of arresting them on burglary charges, but they decided to leave rather than spend another night in the cells.

We haven't had a squatting case taken to court yet, simply because the police have wide ranging powers, and if they want you out of a house quickly then they always use them. There isn't much can be done about this except to try and not let the police intimidate us by threatening to charge us with something like burglary, which they know would never stand up in court. Although at the minute there seems to be more evictions going on than houses being squatted, we're determined not to let them grind us down, or stop us from solving our housing problems.

We've also being getting more organised and have set up a Squatters' Support Group to try and highlight the problems of homelessness, and the need for squatters' rights. We have a petition calling for the right to squat empty and derelict houses here, if you wish to help by getting signatures for us, just write and we'll send you a petition. If you'd like any info. on squatting in N.I. write to the support group, c/o po Box 148, Belfast Bt1

The anarchist/ alternative library we were telling you about a few Warzines ago has finally got underway.

Although we only have about 70 books, we decided to start it off to generate more enthusiasm, and hopefully get more donations of books which are really badly needed. We have made membership and borrowing books totally free - the only money we have made so far was at a benefit gig ages ago, were we got £30. To buy cards, stamp etc. we had to overspend that by £20, so we are in debt already!

If you have any old/ new books which you have read and don't need, and think might be suitable, please consider sending them to us, we would really appreciate it. Also, donations of any kind for the upkeep of the library, and to hopefuly buy some new books is also much appreciated.

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COME ALONG! EVERYONE WELCOME

DONATIONS TO WARZONE.

A special thanks to the people in Bradford who organised a benefit gig for us in the "Manhatten club" where Culture Shock played. We got £55 from that towards printing of Warzine. Also thanks to the Next World (also from Bradford) who donated 20 of their singles to us, to be used for the same thing. Including £14 raised at a stall, we received £90 to print Warzine, which I think is the first donations we've received for that. The last issue cost £64 to print (1,500 copies - an improvement on the original 200 for the first issue!). Postage/ distribution came to over £10. Any of the money remaining will go towards this issue.

Also thanks to everyone who distributes copies for us.

We also received donations from Polemic and Malfunction fanzines in the shape of free copies, and Rubicon who sent us £15. Thanks.

CENTRE NEWS

Well here it is again, the bi-monthly centre report. Quite a lot has been happpening and is about to happen.

Firstly, we are having 2 flag days around the town on Wed 8th, and Fri. 10th Feb. If you'd like to help on the days with collecting, come and put your name down in the cafe. A list will be put up at the beginning of the month for that. There is also the possibility of us getting a new van, this one is in a lot better condition than the one we have now. We have spent around £2,000 on that old one, so we are trying to raise some of that money we lost with a benefit gig (on Feb 11th), and with the flag days as well.

The library opened on Sat.,7th Jan. at last. We still need more books and/ or donations. Everything gratefully received!

The art workshop is fully operational and printing has started at last (well, we're getting there anyway). And finally, the front of the building is getting a facelift, we'll be whitewashing it and eventually a mural will be painted on it. The hallway is getting a much needed paint over the 14th Jan. weekend in an attempt to brighten the place up a bit. Well, that's it for this month, cheerio.

Warzine has been put together by various individuals within the collective. Any opinions expressed are those of the author ocncerned and not neccessarily of everyone in Warzone. If you have any info on happenings around Ireland, or any thoughts/ contributions to make, , we will do our best to include them in the next issue.

If you can distribute any copies for us, please write, and we will send you a bundle. The newsheet is free, but any donations towards postage and printing would be grateful.

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